

Appl. No. 10/059,700

Reply to Examiner's Office Communication dated February 14, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Office Communication and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-31 in the application. Claims 10-31 were withdrawn pursuant to an election. The Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and amended Claim 2 herein. No additional claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, Claims 2-9 are currently pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendments to the specification as set forth in the Applicants' response dated December 5, 2005. The Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to enter Claim 3 as it was also amended therein. The Applicants respectfully point out that the element of "a stepper", which the Examiner found objectionable with respect to amended Claim 1, was not included in amended Claim 3 as presented in the December 5, 2005 response. In the Examiner's Action mailed June 3, 2005, the Examiner stated that Claims 3-9 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of base Claim 1 and any intervening claims. This was done by including all the limitations of Claim 1, as it read prior to the December 5 proposed amendment, in Claim 3. Inasmuch as Claims 4-9 were already dependent on Claim 3, they also include all the limitations of the base claim. Claim 2 has been amended herein to also be dependent on Claim 3, which means that it should also be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 2-9.

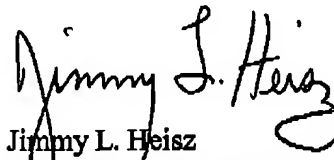
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The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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